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Home invaders targeted wrong house, police say

CRIME

Husband and wife beaten; third man found dead

 **Ameya Charnalia**
For Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton Police believe suspects in a home invasion that left one man dead and a husband and wife badly beaten Tuesday began when invaders targeted the wrong house.

Officers were called to the home on McConachie Boulevard at about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

According to police, the husband and wife were home when two suspects broke in, tied them up, blindfolded and repeatedly assaulted them while demanding money and drugs.

When officers arrived they found another man, in addition to the husband and wife, in the basement, shot. That man, who has not been identified, later died of his injuries.

Police spokeswoman Patrycia Thenu said the couple did not know the man found inside their home and police believe he was with the home-invasion suspects.

"It's very convoluted and complex," Thenu said. "Detectives are still trying to piece together what exactly happened."

The house remained taped off well into Tuesday evening. Families from the area stopped by to look after hearing the news.

A heavy police and media presence has remained for most of the day, said Diane Kopp, who lives just a few houses down.

"It's a very quiet neighbourhood. I was quite shocked," she said. "There are kids in the area."

One suspect is described as a black male, between 5-10 and 6 feet tall with a slim build. He was wearing a dark hoody, jeans and dark gloves. He also had dark, round, thick-rimmed glasses.

The other suspect is described as a male with a short beard, approximately 5-10 or 5-11 with a heavier build wearing a dark hoody and sweat pants.

Both suspects are reported as speaking with an accent or broken English.

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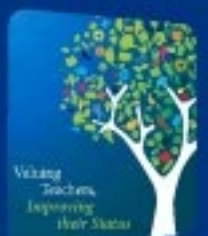
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LIBRARY

Kit has energy buffs green with envy



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Sometimes you don't have to be trendy to be popular, as the Edmonton Public Library is learning with kits designed to save energy that now have a year-long wait list.

"I don't think it's all that sexy; it's a green home energy kit," said Sharon Day, director of branch services and collections.

"I think people really are interested in knowing where they can save energy and save dollars."

With the changing of the seasons, homeowner Lisa Shamchuk had efficiency on the brain. She tried to place a hold on a kit — only to discover she was 354th in line.

"So I won't get one for like 50 years," she said, joking. "But I still think it's a great idea."

The city builds and pays for the kits, which include things like an infrared thermometer and a kilowatt meter, plus books and DVDs to teach you how to use them.

The library lends out the 22 kits it has for three-week stints, just like they would books.

"The infrared thermometer in itself is super cool. When I brought it home to play with it right before launch I was able to find out which of my cats is hottest," Day said, laughing.

But she adds the real-world applications, like finding out exactly where your house is leaking heat, are valuable.

"With the recent economic downturn, I think people are looking for all sorts of angles to save some money and be as efficient as they can be in their homes."

The cost of the kits means the library hasn't been able to maintain its normal 5:1 ratio of holds to copies. But they've added 10 since the launch, and hope they get more.

Even though Shamchuk won't be getting her hands on one anytime soon, she said it shows the growing popularity of sustainability in the city.

"I'm never going to get one but it shows me that people in the city are interested in these topics and it shows me that we're making some headway," she said.

City wins award for data

TECHNOLOGY

But still room to improve, argues local developer



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's open-data catalogue has won yet another award, but developers argue there remains room for improvement.

Edmonton, which hosts

a wide selection of data on everything from transit schedules, to pet licences, to council votes was awarded the title of Canada's most open city by Public Sector Digest and the Canadian Open Data Exchange.

It's the second time Edmonton has won the award and among a long list of accolades the city has received for the catalogue.

The data can be used by outside interests to create apps and other projects.

But Troy Pavlek, now a Ward 11 candidate who used the catalogue to create a website tracking council votes,



We're always looking for ways to improve the catalogue. We have put over 1,100 data sets out in the catalogue. Roxanne Kits

said the city is only winning so many awards because other Canadian cities have work to do.

"I am really glad Edmonton is winning them, but they speak more to how far behind other municipalities are falling," he said.

"We're doing 'Pretty good,' is what I would put us at."

Pavlek said a lot of data is still missing, including infor-

mation on traffic safety.

He said he worries Edmonton sometimes looks at all data as off limits first and then tries to work through it to make it open.

"We need the reverse of that thinking. All data should be open first," he said.

Roxanne Kits, the city's director of corporate initiatives and innovation, said they are pleased to be recognized for

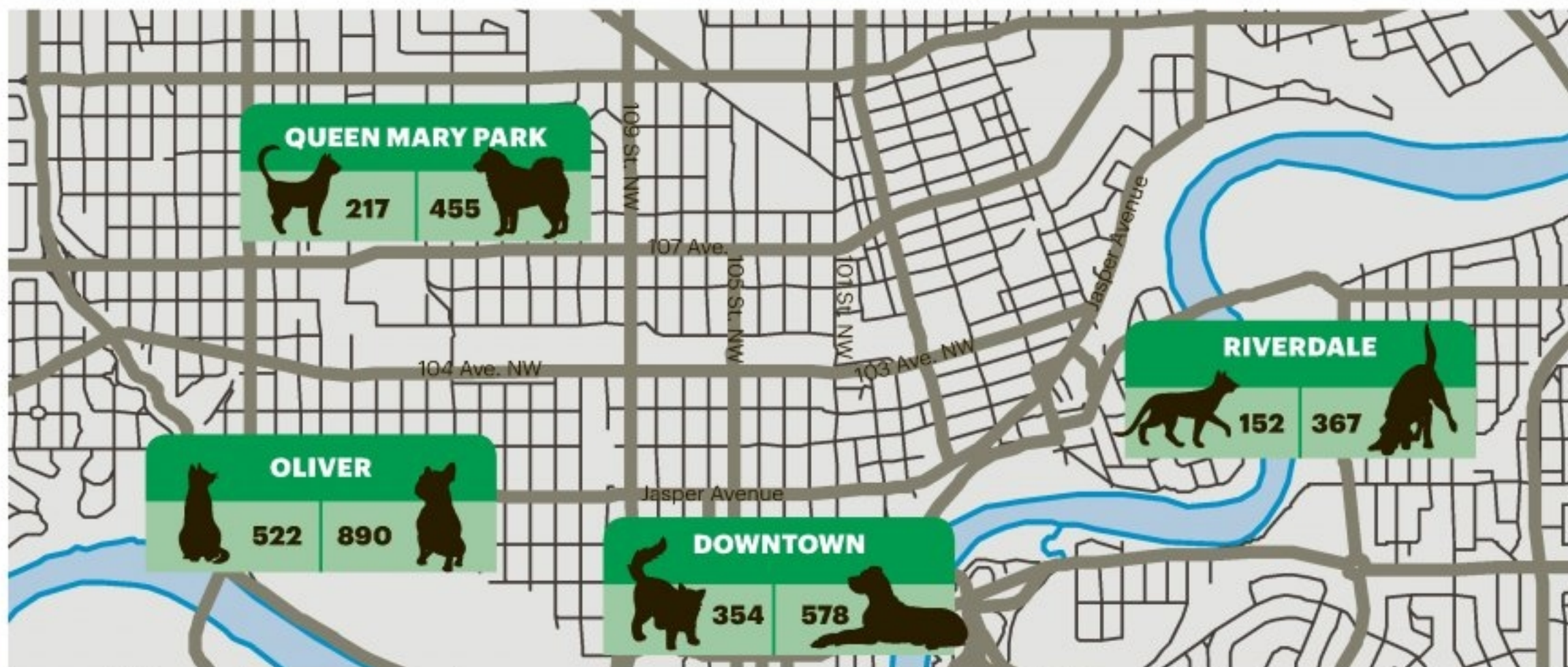
their open data program.

But she said even with the awards there is definitely room to improve.

"We're always looking for ways to improve the catalogue. We have put over 1,100 data sets out in the catalogue," she said.

Kits said while they will continue to publish raw data, they also want to make it easier to interpret for people where they can and so the team also works on visualizations and mapping.

"I think that means more for our citizens who are maybe less literate at taking raw data and building apps."



Metro used information in the open-data catalogue to create this map of cat versus dog licences in several Edmonton neighbourhoods. That is just one example of many in the catalogue. ANDRES PLANA/METRO

HEARING

Officer charged with 2 counts of discreditable conduct



Ameya Charnalia
For Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton police officer who was suspended without pay in 2015 for stealing gasoline eight times could be dismissed from the force. Edmonton Police Service Const. Heinz Schilling pleaded guilty in provincial court to one count of theft under \$5,000 in January and was granted a

discharge. A two-day disciplinary hearing where he was hit with two counts of discreditable conduct wrapped up Tuesday.

Schilling, a seven-year member with the EPS at the time the accusations came to light, has been relieved without pay since October 2015. An audit revealed that there were eight reported incidents when Schilling used EPS privileges to steal gas. He was depressed and under severe financial stress at the time he

committed the thefts, lawyers representing the Edmonton Police Service and Schilling told the hearing's presiding officer.

"The expectation even in those circumstances of conducting yourself lawfully outweighs those things," said Derek Cranna, the Police Service's lawyer. "There is some premeditation here."

Schilling has been undergoing counselling for mental health issues and for his finances, the hearing was told.

TRAFFIC FATALITY

Pedestrian dies after being hit by bus driver



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A woman died after being struck in a marked crosswalk by a city driver ferrying a bus with passengers near West Edmonton Mall on Tuesday afternoon.

The 83-year-old woman was treated on scene by paramedics and taken to hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

Police say it was reported that

she was crossing lawfully at 87th Avenue and 169th Street when she was struck. Police sent out a traffic advisory before 3 p.m. stating 87th Avenue had been closed between 167th Street and 170th Street due to a pedestrian fatality, and advised motorists to take other routes.

The road was still closed several hours later. ETS spokesperson Jennifer Laraway said inspectors were on site working with police and peer support was being offered to the driver.

FOOD-SHARING

Business takes on food safety rules



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

The co-founder of an Edmonton food-sharing business says Alberta's food safety regulations need an overhaul — while Alberta Health Services say his customers are at risk.

Kian Parseyan said his company, Scarf, is operating outside regulations, but also says it offers even more safety guarantees than conventional restaurants.

Scarf allows customers to check in with its 30 home-based cooks to see what they're

making and purchase a home-cooked meal for pickup.

The business runs a background check on each cook, tests them on food safety rules, inspects their kitchens every 90 days, and takes photographs of the kitchens for profiles on its website.

"Even though what we're doing is technically illegal, we're doing more than what (Alberta Health Services) do," Parseyan said. The company's ability to track customer purchases provides maximum accountability, he added.

"If somebody reports getting sick, we can check in with every other person who's had

the same meal."

Scarf made a presentation to Alberta Health Services in the spring and said he got a response three months later, denying his permit.

Generally, a cook distributing meals from home would have to build a second kitchen that meets provincial standards, he said. Exemptions are made for cooks who run bed and breakfasts — in which case they are allowed to serve only breakfast — and for people cooking food that will be donated.

"I have no idea how breakfast food is any safer, or how by not charging people money you're all of a sudden cooking safer," Parseyan said.

"Clearly, these laws are currently written to keep people out — not based in science or logic."

But AHS spokesperson Shannon Evans emailed Metro a statement expressing concern that Scarf is operating despite posing a "significant risk" to Albertans.

"The operator's actions are unfortunate, and have put AHS in a position of concern, when it comes to protecting public," Evans said in the email.



Kian Parseyan, co-founder of city food-sharing company Scarf.
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Erick Rosende, director of Ultimate Bartending School on Whyte Ave. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Higher minimum wage and tipping

SERVICE INDUSTRY

Customers, staff disagree on the wage hike's impact



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

When Liz Kalisvaart looks for a restaurant to eat at with her husband and four kids the food and atmosphere are secondary. Her main priority? Servers who make enough money to live on. "I used to be a server myself and I found it super unreliable to depend on tips," she said. "I ended up finding a new job."

Alberta's minimum wage increased to \$12.20 on Oct. 1, and will increase again next year before eventually topping out at

\$15 in 2018. This latest change eliminated the liquor server rate, which used to allow restaurants to pay servers and bartenders slightly less because of tips, meaning a pay bump for many servers and bartenders this week. The pay bump has raised questions about the future of tipping — something that has divided both consumers and service industry staff.

Erick Rosende, director of Ultimate Bartending School on Whyte Avenue, says tipping will always have a place in the Alberta service industry.

"It's unfair to level the service wage for everyone, we all have different talents," he said.

"Some of us are great bartenders, some are average. Some servers are phenomenal, some just do it for extra money so they don't have that passion," he said.

While the minimum-wage increase will benefit workers in other industries, Rosende argues

most bartenders don't worry too much about their base wage, because it's the tips that pay the bills.

But he predicts customers will continue to reward good service with tips, regardless of the minimum wage.

Kalisvaart disagrees, arguing the idea of good service involves a lot of grey area.

"It's so arbitrary. Some people want their drinks right away, some people want their server to take a photo," she said. "I know there's disagreement about this among servers, but I found it really difficult."

She said she will continue to tip when it's deserved, as the minimum wage moves towards \$15 she'll consider backing away from the 20 per cent that has become standard.

"From a consumer perspective I know it's the industry passing off the supplementing of wages onto the consumer," she said.

HOUSING

Condo sales down by double digits



Ameya Charnalia
For Metro | Edmonton

A steep year-over-year drop in Edmonton's condo sales in September could affect prices, says a realtor specializing in downtown condos.

"It's definitely a wake-up call that prices will drop," Jackie Ng, a downtown condominium specialist with Re/Max River City in Edmonton, said of the latest market report by the Realtors Association of Edmonton.

September condo sales in Edmonton were down over 20 per cent year-over-year, according to the report.

It's hard to say why numbers are down, Ng said, but it presents an opportunity for first-time buyers to jump on some good deals.

"It's the buyers way of saying, 'Hey, the market prices are too high right now, given the current market conditions,'" he said. "It's going to really force the people who have the properties for sale to look at their pricing strategy."

Average condo prices remained stable at \$251,366. There were 327 reported condos sold in September.

Overall residential housing sales in Edmonton and surrounding municipalities were down 6.56 per cent month-over-month and 8.41 per cent year-over-year,

according to the report.

On average, single family detached homes sold in 54 days in September, while condominiums sold in an average of 65 days and duplex/rowhouses sold in 60 days.

"We expect to see listings and sales slow as winter approaches. We may begin to see the effects of slight downward pressure on prices, but do not expect to see any drastic movement as our market continues to remain stable," Steve Sedgwick, chair of the Edmonton Realtors Association, said in a statement.

"Sellers can expect to wait a little longer than previous years for their property to sell."



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Drone business soaring

ENTREPRENEURS

Being used for real estate, legal matters and mapping

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Drone operators in the Edmonton area say their business is taking off.

Chris Anderson, with UAV North Aerials — which does real estate photos, aerial mapping and other projects — said he can barely keep up with demand for assignments for the business, which he started in 2014.

"At first it was a lot of cold-call sales, because people didn't really understand what the business was and what the capabilities are, but now I don't cold call or do any advertising," he said.

Anderson said drones are highly capable and his company is constantly taking on different kinds of assignments.

"There is really a wide range, really anything that is outside



can be shot and we have done pretty much everything," he said.

Anderson said companies were doing similar work before drones, but with fixed-wing aircraft that were expensive to operate.

"You can do a lot smaller area very quickly for a fraction of

the cost to launch one of those planes," he said.

Eric Wilson, chief pilot for Smart Drones, a St. Albert-based company, got into the business after his father, a lawyer, purchased a drone to get evidence for some of his cases.

"He quickly found it wasn't his generation's forte, flying

drones, and he quickly crashed it," said Wilson.

He said after working for his father on a couple of cases, they saw that there was a lot of demand. Beyond legal work, the company filmed footage of the Rockies last year that ended up in the film X-Men Apocalypse and he said they have since

worked on two more films.

Anderson said right now drones are limited to use in a line of sight operation, but if that changes they could be used for more complex mapping work and even deliveries.

"Once regulations where you can fly these beyond line of sight it's really going to expand."

ACHIEVEMENT

Making the cut



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

Hair stylist Paulina Truong and makeup artist Haylee Ference will be the only Canadians among dozens of international stylists at the Annual Alternative Hair Show Oct. 16 at Royal Albert Hall in London, England.

"I almost cried, I was so excited (to be chosen)," said Ference. "I never thought I'd be going there."

The pair was picked after submitting a makeover photo to the show organizers, and will be up against 16 other teams in the cut-and-colour category. They have to work with the theme "Odyssey," and have chosen to take on an outer-space esthetic.

"We're going to transform a model into something unique and creative," said Truong.

Truong, who owns Blue Gemini Hair Studio in south Edmonton, has already won an international competition in Paris.

The competition is a fundraiser for leukemia research that was founded by hairstylist Tony Rizzo, whose son died from the disease.

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DreamLife threatened

HOSPITALS

Low sales for lottery tickets puts programs in jeopardy



Kevin Maimann
Metro | Edmonton

A lottery that supports hospital programs across Alberta could come to an end after 23 years if ticket sales don't pick up.

Covenant Foundation announced this week that the Caritas DreamLife Lottery is at risk of losing money, with sales lagging behind expectations.

The foundation contributes millions of dollars annually to programs at the Grey Nuns, Misericordia and Edmonton General.

"I'm hopeful this plea will work, but if it doesn't and we find ourselves in a loss position, we will absolutely have to re-evaluate whether we are able to continue to run this lottery on an annual basis," board mem-



The Caritas DreamLife Lottery, if successful, will help fund more neonatal intensive care beds at the Misericordia Hospital. CONTRIBUTED

ber Corey Smith said Tuesday. Lottery prizes include a home and vehicles.

The foundation needs to sell 80 per cent of the tickets this

year to break even. So far it has sold about two-thirds and has extended the deadline by a week, to Oct. 20.

Smith attributes the decline

to economic factors.

"Albertans have had a tough year, not only with the economy, but it was made worse with the wildfires in Fort McMurray,"

Albertans have had a tough year, not only with the economy.

Corey Smith

Smith said. "There have been a lot of asks out there."

Funds raised this year will go toward a project to double the size of the neonatal intensive care unit at the Misericordia from 12 beds to 24.

The foundation has already made a \$4.2-million commitment to fund the project, and if the lottery fails, the work will take longer to complete.

"The design is to provide rooms that allow for intensive care to be administered to the newborn, but in an environment where the family can stay present and also reside there ... so there is no separation between parent and child," Smith said. "It's really designed to have that comfort of being at home while still being in a critical care need."

CARBON TAX

Provincial support essential: Notley

Alberta Premier Rachel Notley says her government may not have the legal power to stop Ottawa from imposing its climate plan, but it's warning the Trudeau government against moving on without provincial support.

"The federal government will struggle if they don't have a willing partner in the provinces," Notley told reporters Tuesday.

"We're happy to be that willing partner if they do what Albertans have done for Canada for many, many years, which is do their fair share."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Monday that provinces must either put a price on carbon that meets or exceeds a national minimum or put a cap-and-trade system in place.

The federal plan calls for a \$10-per-tonne floor price starting in 2018 that would eventually rise to \$50 a tonne in 2022.

Notley has said she supports the idea of a common national carbon price in principle, but not without meaningful progress on building new market-opening infrastructure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pushback on carbon tax

POLITICS

Critics asking how it will affect people, businesses

The Liberal government's decision to impose a national floor price on carbon emissions dominated the House of Commons on Tuesday, with critics saying the plan punishes consumers while doing little to combat climate change.

All but lost in the immediate, breathless reaction was the reality that the plan announced a day earlier by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau won't have much impact, if any, on 87 per cent of Canadians — or their carbon footprint — for the next four years.

That's because the rising floor price on CO2 emissions laid out in the federal Liberal plan starts at \$10 per tonne and takes until 2021 to catch up with and surpass existing carbon taxes already imposed by British Columbia and Alberta.

A group of 22 high-profile business and civil leaders endorsed the plan Tuesday, saying Canada is simply pricing emissions "as most of the world's biggest economies are doing."

The plan's cautious approach, however, is being overshadowed by Trudeau's audacious communications gambit.

Trudeau announced the national floor price Monday in the Commons just as federal, provin-

cial and territorial ministers were meeting in Montreal to negotiate a pan-Canadian carbon plan.

Three provincial ministers left the Montreal meeting early to protest the high-handed federal move, and opposition parties remained in high dudgeon Tuesday.

Faced with such discordant assessments, the debate naturally landed on the bottom line: What's it going to cost me?

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation and Brad Wall's Saskatchewan Party each offered up estimates for the annual cost to an average family, starting at \$1,250 a year and topping out at more than \$2,500.

But such estimates are meaningless, since provincial governments have been repeatedly told by Ottawa that the carbon tax revenues are theirs to use as they see fit — including to cut income, sales or business taxes.

Federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna said it is up to provincial premiers to decide how those revenues should be recycled.

"You determine the system that makes sense," McKenna said outside the House.

"You determine how to deal with, for example, agriculture industry, and you determine what should happen with the revenues. You can return the revenues as a tax cut to small business and consumers. You can invest in innovation. You can invest in the agriculture sector. That's not for the federal government (to decide)."

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You determine the system that makes sense.

Catherine McKenna



The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at a children's party with Prince George and Princess Charlotte in Victoria, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Creepy' video of Royals' visit confuses viewers

A "creepy" video of the recent royal tour in Canada has left some viewers gobsmacked.

Kensington Palace tweeted out the short video on Saturday of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with Prince George and Princess Charlotte at an outdoor children's party in Victoria.

The family moves around in

slow motion, playing with bubbles and balloons, to the sound of lagging, thumping music.

Many people posted comments describing the video as "creepy" and "morose," while others compared it to a trailer for a horror movie.

The video shows three-year-old George squirting bubbles out of a fish-like gun while his

sister Charlotte, 16 months old, tries to hug a rabbit. There are also shots of a puppeteer and a man making balloon animals.

Not so scary — until you see it in slow motion and slightly darkened.

"I feel like I just watched the trailer for the sequel to #TheShining," responded one person.

"Reminds me of the Terminator movie when Linda Hamilton is pushing her baby in the swing before all hell breaks loose," said another.

The jokes continued: "After watching this, I'm anxiously awaiting the terrifying sequel: George and Charlotte Return! #budgetissues?"

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INEQUALITY

Coffee shop ups prices, but just for women



Rebecca Chiu
Metro | Toronto

Would you like your coffee with a side of inequality?

That's what was on the menu of Toronto's Tokyo Smoke Found for one special day.

"Don't know if you've noticed our menu today, but we actually charge based on gender," the barista tells a customer in a video posted to YouTube, in front of a menu marked with prices for women in pink. Large drip coffee?

Drip	M	2.00	2.75	3.50
	W	3.50	4.25	5.00
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	W	4.50	5.00	5.25

The higher prices for women at a Toronto coffee shop are a commentary on the so-called "pink tax." CONTRIBUTED

fee? That'll be \$3.50 if you're a man, but an even \$5 if you're

a woman. The reaction is not positive, but that's the point.

The video aims to raise awareness about the "Pink Tax," which is blamed for women paying more than men for the same services and products.

How many times have you been baffled by how inexpensive men's haircuts are, or shocked by how much a dress costs to dry clean?

Needless to say, the shop's customers, both men and women, are not happy with the price difference. Some have strong words — "That's f-king weird" — while others walk away empty handed.

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We have much to learn

Canada is far from the only nation struggling to recognize and combat campus sexual assault, but we're well behind the more proactive U.S. and only so far ahead of the lagging U.K.



Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

In 1985, the year I was born, the feminist Ms. Magazine published a groundbreaking national survey of campus rape in the U.S.

There has since been research in New Zealand, Canada and the U.K. — and Australia is about to embark on a landmark 40-school study.

So: The struggle to admit to, get a clear picture of and eliminate campus sexual assault is as old as I am; and Canada is by no means alone.

In fact, in terms of government regulation and accountability, we're stuck somewhere in between the more advanced U.S. and the lagging U.K.

In the American system, education falls under federal jurisdiction. That has been key to a far more aggressive and proactive stance on campus sexual assault. President Barack Obama's high-profile focus is only the latest chapter.

In 1990, the U.S. passed the Clery Act, which made it mandatory for universities to report sexual assaults, to have a dedicated policy and to offer supports for survivors. There was also Title IX, an amendment to education laws forbidding discrimination on the basis of sex. It was first passed in 1972 and began to be applied to sexual assault and harassment in the 1980s, beginning with a policy memorandum from the Office of Civil Rights at the Department of Education. That led to sexual-assault-survivor lawsuits against schools.

But then came *Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District*. The 1998 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, which centred on sexual misconduct between a teacher and student at a Texas high school, but which also applied to post-secondary institutions, held that schools were only liable for sexual assaults and harassment if they did not act after learning of them.

The ruling had a chilling

effect on the lawsuits, and a period of inertia and apathy followed, said Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor and leading advocate on campus sexual assault. Schools "became much more worried about being sued by these alleged perpetrators," she said.

In 2011, the Obama administration released its 19-page "Dear Colleague" letter — a directive from the U.S. Department of Education — that called sexual violence discriminatory and a crime and explicitly stated universities' requirements to deal with it.

"It was pretty minimal," Dauber said. "It was, 'Stop violating civil rights.... You have to have a prompt and equitable resolution of complaints, and you have to tell the victim the outcome.'"

After the letter, students began filing complaints to the Office for Civil Rights. In May of 2014, the agency had more than 50 open files against schools, including Harvard and Princeton.

That same year, Obama launched the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and the "It's On Us" campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault, for which Vice-President Joe Biden has

become a strident spokesperson.

In the U.K., thanks to guidance over two decades old, some universities have avoided any kind of reporting or disciplinary policies around sexual as-

sault. And there is no national legislation mandating either.

In 1994, Graham Zellick, then president of Queen Mary and Westfield College, led a task force on university disciplinary practices. The resulting report bluntly advised against investigating sexual assault: "Internal action for rape and sexual assault is out of the question," read the so-called Zellick guidelines, unless there's a guilty criminal verdict.

But a recent legal brief has challenged the stasis. Independently commissioned by the advocacy group End Violence Against Women Coalition and released in January of 2015 by human-rights lawyer Louise Whitfield, the brief argues that

follow the Zellick guidelines "are failing to protect women students and are very likely to be in breach of the law."

"That legal opinion really did focus minds," said Rachel Kryz, co-director of EVAWC. "Women's human rights — and we have rights to equality and not be discriminated against — all of those were being ignored."

Recent media investigations found one in three university women faced sexual harassment or assault and that schools had uneven or absent policies for tracking assaults.

In September 2015, amid mounting pressure, the U.K. business secretary ordered schools to investigate so-called "lad culture" on campuses. Universities U.K., the body representing executive heads, in March announced "an overwhelming need" to revise the Zellick rules. And this fall, it's expected to release its report and possibly a new set of stricter guidelines for schools.

"I don't think universities want to get this wrong," Kryz said. "I think they want to just know what they have to do."

Schools should not wait for the conclusion of a criminal investigation to begin their own investigation and, if needed, must take immediate steps to protect the student.



From a 2011 "Dear Colleague" directive released by the Obama administration

Though the U.K., U.S. and Canada have different legal systems, different legislation and different accountability mechanisms surrounding sexual assault on campus, the countries share one overarching similarity: institutional failure.

Survivors of sexual assault from schools in all three countries echo each other: The school dragged its heels, the school gave an excuse not to investigate and the school didn't tell the survivor the outcome of an investigation.

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden has become a strident spokesperson for the "It's On Us" campaign

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From a 1994 report on U.K. university practices, led by Graham Zellick

gation. This means that legislation in and of itself isn't enough. Even in the face of laws, schools can and will fail to comply. And it shows the effects of systems with plenty of carrots and no meaningful sticks. No American school has ever lost federal funding over sexual-assault cases.

"Relying on human decency in this area is not the way to go," Dauber said.

About the series

Mon. | The power of five
The most organized Canada-wide effort to combat campus sexual assault comes from an unlikely crew of five young women.

Tues. | A federal vacuum
The problem is national, but solutions have been regional and parochial.

Wed. | The U.S. & U.K.
U.S. law and White House directives make for more rigorous requirements. But the U.K. lags behind.

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U.S. ELECTION

Kaine slams 'selfish' Trump

Sen. Tim Kaine aggressively defended running mate Hillary Clinton's character, one of her chief campaign weaknesses, in Tuesday night's vice-presidential debate. He slammed Donald Trump as someone who "always puts himself first" and questioned how his No. 2 could stand by him.

"I can't imagine how Gov. Pence can defend the insult-driven, selfish, me-first style of Donald Trump," Kaine said of Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Pence, a mild-mannered Midwesterner, panned the Democratic ticket as promising frustrated Americans "more of the same." He said Trump would repeal President Barack Obama's signature health care law and noted former President Bill Clinton's criticism of the measure this week.

Kaine went on the attack from the start, repeatedly interrupting Pence, who remained calm and carried on with his answers. Kaine's approach actually mirrored that of Trump in last week's first presidential debate, when the Republican frequently jumped in while Clinton answered questions.

Kaine and Pence are far less familiar to most Americans than their running mates, who are among the most well-known figures in the country. Both vice-presidential candidates have spent years in politics, are well-liked by colleagues and are deeply religious. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Everything is gone'

WEATHER

Matthew threatens U.S. as people rush to stock up

Hurricane Matthew slammed into Haiti's southwestern tip with howling, 230 km/h winds Tuesday, tearing off roofs in the poor and largely rural area, uprooting trees and leaving rivers bloated and choked with debris. At least nine deaths were blamed on the storm during its week-long march across the Caribbean.

Forecasters said Matthew could hit Florida toward the end of the week and push its way up the East Coast over the weekend. The forecast triggered a rush by Americans to stock up on food, gasoline and other emergency supplies.

The dangerous Category 4 storm blew ashore around dawn in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, hitting a corner of Haiti where many people live in shacks of wood or concrete blocks. It unloaded heavy rain as it swirled on toward a lightly populated part of Cuba and the Bahamas.

Damage in the hardest-hit part of Haiti appeared to be widespread, but because of poor communications, blocked roads and washed-out bridges, the full extent was not immediately clear.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm in Haiti, including one person whose home was crushed by a tree in Port Salut and a 26-year-old man who drowned trying to rescue a child who had fallen into a rushing river, authorities said. The child was saved.



Children in La Puya, Santo Domingo on Tuesday after Hurricane Matthew passed through Hispaniola — the island that the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti. AP/GETTY IMAGES

Four deaths were recorded in the neighbouring Dominican Republic and one each in Colombia and in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Milriste Nelson, a 65-year-old farmer in the town of Leogane, said his neighbours fled when

the wind ripped the corrugated metal roof from their home. His own small yard was strewn with the fruit he depends on for his livelihood.

"All the banana trees, all the mangos, everything is gone," Nelson said as he boiled breadfruit

over a charcoal fire in the grey morning light.

In the U.S., Florida Gov. Rick Scott urged coastal residents to prepare for the possibility of a direct hit and line up three days' worth of supplies.

Americans raced to supermar-

kets, gas stations and hardware stores, buying up supplies. South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said she would issue an evacuation order Wednesday so that 1 million people would have time to leave the coast.

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SYRIA

Government presses in on Aleppo offensive

Forces backing Syrian President Bashar Assad pressed their offensive Tuesday on Aleppo's rebel-held zone from the south, after capturing areas on other fronts in recent days. As reinforcements arrived, including Shiite fighters from Iraq, the strategy appeared to be to retake rebel-held areas bit by bit, backed by massive Russian airpower, rather than risk a potentially costly all-out ground battle.

Tuesday's offensive on the city's besieged rebel-held eastern neighbourhoods came a day after Washington suspended direct U.S.-Russian talks on a Syria ceasefire. The latest tactic of whittling away at rebel-held areas of Aleppo rather than launching an

all-out offensive has proved successful in the past: The government reasserted control of the suburbs of the capital, Damascus, and most of the central city of Homs using the strategy.

The Syrian army and its allies are in a sustained offensive to recapture rebel-held eastern Aleppo," wrote Robert Ford, a veteran diplomat and former ambassador to Syria.

"Unless the balance on the ground drastically shifts, the Assad regime will eventually retake from opposition fighters all of Aleppo and the outlying districts of Damascus," wrote Ford, a fellow at the Middle East Institute in Washington.

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SOUTH CAROLINA A FALLEN HERO Friends and family line up during a wake service for Jacob Hall at Oakdale Baptist Church in Townville, S.C., on Wednesday. Jacob, a classmate and a teacher were shot last Wednesday as they left for recess. Authorities say the suspect, a 14-year-old boy, had shot his father to death before driving to Townville Elementary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Vancouver home sales plunged, report says

REAL ESTATE

Expert predicts prices to drop 10 per cent over coming year

Home prices in Metro Vancouver's once-surging real estate market are on the cusp of falling, housing experts say, as new figures show another month of plunging home sales in the region.

The Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver published a report on Tuesday revealing a 32.6 per cent drop in September home sales compared with the same month last year. That follows a 26 per cent year-over-year decline in August and a dip of about 19 per cent the previous month.

"This looks like the top of the hump," said Tom Davidoff, an economist at the University



September home sales fell 32.6 per cent in Vancouver compared with the same month last year, a report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

"Typically, before prices fall transaction volumes fall. It looks like that's the direction in which we're heading."

Government officials have been scrambling in recent months to cool Vancouver's sizzling real estate market, as surging prices continue to push

home ownership further out of reach for the average resident.

Experts are divided on the reasons for the latest decline in sales.

Davidoff attributed the drop in large part to the provincial government's 15 per cent tax on foreign buyers that came into effect in August.

Signalling that foreign de-

mand will be significantly stifled dampens the incentive locals have to rush into the housing market, he said.

"Why would you (buy)?" Davidoff asked. "The only reason you'd do it is because you expect prices to grow. Well, if you think the foreign buyer's gone, that's off the table. So where's the demand now?"

Davidoff predicts housing prices will sink at least 10 per cent over the coming year.

September was the second month the 15 per cent tax applied to non-residents purchasing property in the city.

The real estate board said there were 2,253 homes sold last month, a steep dip from the 3,345 home sales recorded in September 2015. The drop was felt most acutely among detached homes, where sales declined 47.6 per cent when compared to the same period last year.

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TECHNOLOGY

Google unveiling new smart devices



Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Google is making an ambitious push into the hardware space, with the launch of a parade of products, from a new smartphone, as well as a virtual reality headset, an improved Chromecast video streaming device, a Wifi router and a smart speaker called Google Home.

The sleek-looking smartphone, branded Pixel, is the tech-giant's first foray into making its own phones and will come pre-installed with Google virtual assistant, a voice activated service similar to Apple's

Siri and Amazon's Alexa, which will be a central component for all its devices.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai, who kicked off the event Tuesday in San Francisco, described the assistant as "a personal Google for each and every user." The company hopes to compete with top rivals Apple and Samsung, who have long dominated the hardware market, with Samsung being the biggest smartphone maker using Google's Android operating system.

Rick Osterloh, Google's new head of hardware said Pixel is "the best of Google smarts combined to make the best of the user experience."



Google pushes deep into hardware with new Wifi, Chromecast, Home, and Pixel smartphone devices. GETTY IMAGES

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ENVIRONMENT

Time to drop biofuel subsidies: Group

A blue-chip group of economists says federal and provincial government biofuel subsidies are an expensive experiment and it's time to let them expire.

A study released Tuesday by Canada's Ecofiscal Commission finds that ethanol and biodiesel policies cost consumers and governments about \$640 million a year — while cutting Canada's greenhouse gas emissions by about three million tonnes annually.

Put another way, the report says that every tonne of carbon dioxide reduced by using etha-

nol costs at least \$180 while biodiesel reductions cost at least \$128.

And even those high price tags, states the report, may severely under-represent the true cost per tonne of CO2 reductions when the full life-cycle emissions of biofuels are taken into account.

The biofuels industry lobby group, Renewable Industries Canada, called the study's con-

clusions "flawed and skewed."

The report comes a day after the federal Liberal government announced it would impose on provinces and territories a mandatory carbon price of \$10 a tonne starting in 2018, increasing to \$50 a tonne in 2022, if those jurisdictions refuse to adopt their own carbon price or cap-and-trade plan.

The cross-partisan, privately funded ecofiscal commission

has been making the case for two years that broad-based carbon taxes are the most efficient and least economically damaging way to reduce Canada's carbon footprint.

The latest commission study suggests more than a decade of experience with costly biofuels subsidies helps illustrate the argument.

"It wasn't a bad idea to try these policies," commission chairman Chris Ragan, a McGill University economist and former Finance Canada adviser, said in an interview.

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Commission chairman Chris Ragan

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PAUL WELLS ON CHANGES IN THE SENATE



Trudeau's 2014 changes are likely to be permanent. The Senate's party lines need bear no relation to the Commons'. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky.

It is only fair to let you know there are rumblings from the Senate. "I think that what you're seeing here is a transformation," Sen. Thomas Johnson McInnis told a roomful of reporters on Tuesday. "What you have here are independent thinkers."

Sen. McInnis is a former minister of this and that in the interminable Nova Scotia Progressive Conservative government of John Buchanan, who retired in 1990, and in the less durable administration of Buchanan's successor, Roland Thornhill. He ran federally in Dartmouth in 2000, in what would turn out to be the last election the Progressive Conservatives ever contested, and the result for him was not better than the result for most candidates from his party that year.

Stephen Harper put McInnis in the Senate in September of 2012. Two months later, the Ottawa Citizen started asking questions about Mike Duffy's housing expenses, and life just hasn't been very fun up there in the Red Chamber ever since.

But perhaps that is changing. Duffy was acquitted on all charges. Charges against Patrick Brazeau were dropped, and none will be pressed against Pamela Wallin. But most important, the very composition of the Senate is — maybe! arguably! — changing under Justin Trudeau.

In January 2014, without

What do Trudeau's Senate changes mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case.

a day's warning, Trudeau kicked every Liberal senator out of the party's national caucus in Ottawa. The move was widely dismissed as rookie theatrics from a man who didn't understand Parliament. In March of this year, freshly in office as prime minister, Trudeau appointed seven new senators and told them they could vote and speak as they pleased. He will soon name

Tuesday, and it's the second that will answer the crucial question facing a post-Trudeau Senate: if nobody in the place is beholden to a Liberal government, what's the nature of its obligation to pass legislation passed by the elected House of Commons?

Tuesday's interim recommendations addressed less fundamental questions in ways that still managed to be entertaining. The Senate's

cohesion in the Senate, but they need bear no particular relation to the makeup of the Commons. The very thought of it is making some old-time senators frisky. Serge Joyal, who was a Liberal for decades but is now, well, a Liberal — terminology is tricky up there — said that, from the moment he was no longer welcome in Trudeau's caucus room, "Ben, il y a, comme on dit en anglais, 'No strings attached.'"

Elaine McCoy, appointed as a Progressive Conservative by Paul Martin after the federal Progressive party had voted to abolish itself, pronounced herself chuffed to have so many colleagues, on deck and coming soon, who feel no particular party affiliation.

How will laws get passed? There used to be room for quiet tradeoffs in government caucus meetings, Joyal said. Now there'll have to be open bargaining between Liberals and... these people. "It's about power," Joyal said. "As my mother would say to me, don't try to show to an old monkey how to make faces." I felt a sudden pang of regret that I never met Serge Joyal's mother.

Justin Trudeau's Senate upheaval foreshadowed, as we are now seeing, his management style in general. He may take a long time to decide, but when he does, you sure notice the decision. If there are noses out of joint, let them be out of joint. It's how he replaced one Clerk of the Privy Council with another. It's how he made climate policy this week. The announcement takes only a minute. The consequences take years to play out.

Paul Wells is a national politics columnist for the Toronto Star.



FACES YOU CAN TRUST From right: Senators Thomas Johnson, McInnis, Serge Joyal, Elaine McCoy — members of the Senate committee on modernization — hold a press conference in Ottawa on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

20 more. Suddenly for the first time, these nominal independents will outnumber Conservatives and the remaining Liberals without a caucus.

What does it all mean? You'll be relieved to know a special Senate committee has been on the case. It's had "passionate discussion, if not outright argument and debate," McInnis said. Oh, you scamps. Its conclusions?

Well, on the big questions, you'll just have to wait. Senators are not in the habit of rushing. They released only the first of two reports on

proceedings should at last be televised and webcast, they said. If the Commons sends up an omnibus bill to change a few dozen disparate laws at once, senators should be able to chop it into bits and consider them separately. And, finally, any decent-sized group of senators (nine or more) who want to sit in any durable combination should be recognized as a "caucus," with budget and staffing to match.

These changes are likely to make Trudeau's 2014 changes permanent. There might be groups with internal

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

You say 'politically correct elitism' like it's a bad thing

When Conservative leadership candidate Kellie Leitch launched another fundraising push last month, she called for bravery among her fellow conservatives.

"Together we will stand up to those who don't want to discuss Canadian values and whose politically correct elitism remains tone deaf to the views of most Canadians," she wrote in an email, referencing her plan to screen immigrants for "anti-Canadian values."

It's proved an ineloquent but revealing sentence.

To begin with, "Canadian values" don't mean indigenous values, obviously. They mean white, colonial values. And, as it turns out, most Canadians really do seem worried about the integration of immigrants. A full 68 per cent of Canadians want immigrants to "do more" to fit in, compared to only 53 per cent of Americans, according to an Angus Reid Institute/CBC survey released this week.

Sixty-eight per cent, up by more than 11 points since 1993. Angus Reid executive director Shachi Kurl said the increased desire for more assimilation "is something that bears watching, particularly because that view has hardened over the last 25 years."

A question we never ask of polling data, though, is whether those majority views are really worth defending. Or, to use Leitch's words: Is "politically correct elitism" really that bad? Could it be just a basic call to lean towards, oh,

I don't know, human decency over fear-mongering, racism and xenophobia? Calling out "politically correct elitism" was Step 1 in the Donald J Trump Manual for How to Get Away with Hate Speech — is it a great card to play here?

As for whether evil left-wing sorcerers are controlling us all like ventriloquists, let's examine the reality, shall we? The reality is we are in the middle of a new era of race and identity conversations in Canada. In just the last month:

A police officer and a black man in Greater Toronto "swapped lives" for a day for a CBC news report.

Vancouver CKNW radio host Ian Power turned a segment on immigration into personal complaints about being white in a mostly non-white neighbourhood.

A Globe and Mail investigation discovered Maryam Monsef was born in Iran, not Afghanistan, and criticisms of birtherism arose north of the border. The Globe and Mail also launched a podcast on race, called Colour Code.

That's not to mention Black Lives Matter or the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry or many, many other examples.

Undoubtedly, as Leitch puts out the call for money, she's playing to fears of what Canada will look like in 50 years, when immigration trends will almost certainly push white Canadians out of the majority.

A crucial question to ask but, crucially, not one to fear.

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STUFFING

Two exotic twists on a dish that's a turkey dinner staple

Stuffing often gets a bad rap for being too dry, too fatty, too soggy, or too bland. If that's been the case at your Thanksgiving feasts, consider switching out certain ingredients to better suit your expanding tastes.

Here are two distinct flavours to tempt your taste buds: spinach and paneer from Southern Asia and rice with chestnuts and shiitake from Eastern Asia.

Hemant Bhagwani's Spinach-Paneer stuffing
Key ingredients: Spinach, paneer, garam masala

Bored of the traditional turkey dinner, Hemant Bhagwani's friends turned to Toronto's Indian Street Food Co. and Amaya Express owner to punch up the flavours of their usual Thanksgiving feast.

Ingredients (for the rice):

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) basmati rice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 1 pinch saffron threads or 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground turmeric

Directions:

1. In a medium-sized pot over medium heat, bring rice, water and saffron to a boil. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low on a gentle simmer. Continue to simmer until rice is tender. Remove lid and fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the spinach-paneer stuffing):

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) canola or vegetable oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cumin seeds
- 1 minced green Thai chili
- 4 minced garlic cloves
- 1 finely chopped large Spanish onion
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) finely chopped fresh ginger
- 8 cups (2 L) fresh spinach leaves
- 3/4 tsp (3 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) garam masala
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) finely chopped dried apricots



Tired of the same old stuffing every year? Why not try these new dishes inspired by flavours from around the world. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) grated paneer

Directions:

1. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add cumin and chili and sauté till fragrant, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, onion and ginger. Continue to cook for 5 minutes, or until onions become translucent.
2. Add spinach, salt, garam masala, and apricots. Continue cook until spinach wilts.
3. Mix spinach mixture with rice. Toss in grated paneer.
4. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting, or keep warm in oven at 200F (100 C) until ready to serve.

Jonathan Poon's Chinese Sausage and Sticky Rice
Key ingredients: Dried shiitake, chestnuts, Chinese sausage

Chef Jonathan Poon of To-

ronto's Bar Fancy didn't celebrate Thanksgiving as a kid, but he did make stuffing for his family at Christmas, and he'd take cues from a dim sum staple: sticky rice with braised soy sauce chicken and Chinese sausage. This is a take on Poon's sticky rice stuffing.

Ingredients (for the rice):

- 2 cups (500 mL) white glutinous rice, rinsed
- 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) cold water
- In a large pot, soak rice in water for 30 minutes.

Directions:

1. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover and reduce heat to medium-low and let simmer until liquid has been absorbed. Fluff with fork.

Ingredients (for the chicken):

- 3/4 cup (180 mL) dried shiitake

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) boiling water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) minced fresh ginger
- 1 minced garlic clove
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) light Chinese soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) dark Chinese soy sauce
- 1 cup (250 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) roasted, peeled chestnuts, plus another 1/4 cup (60 mL) for garnish
- 1 1/2 lbs (680g) chicken legs, skin on, bone in
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) finely

diced Chinese sausage

Directions:

1. Submerge shiitake in a bowl of boiling water. Cover with plastic wrap and let sit for 20 minutes. Strain and reserve liquid. Discard stems. Slice mushrooms. Set aside.
2. In a medium-sized pan over medium heat, stir together reserved mushroom liquid, sliced mushrooms, ginger, garlic, light soy sauce, dark soy sauce, water, brown sugar, salt and

1/2 cup chestnuts. Add chicken legs in a single layer in pan. Cover, bring to a boil.

3. Turn heat down to medium and simmer until chicken is fully cooked, about 30 mins.

4. Remove chicken from pan. Remove skin and shred meat. Discard bones and skin. Add shredded meat back to liquid mixture. Continue cooking until most liquid evaporates.

5. Add mixture to cooked sticky rice. Mix.

6. Wipe pan. Sauté Chinese sausage until fragrant and translucent, three minutes. Add sausage and drippings to rice. Mix until well combined.

7. Serve immediately, stuff in turkey before roasting or keep warm in oven at 200 F (100 C) until ready to serve.

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PARIS FASHION WEEK REACTS TO KIM KARDASHIAN ATTACK

Fench police were still hunting on Tuesday for five people suspected of assaulting Kim Kardashian West in a private Paris residence before robbing her of more than \$10 million worth of jewelry. Concerns around the ordeal continued to dominate Paris Fashion Week. Celebs had a lot to say about the crime, including fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld who lambasted Kardashian for being too flashy with her money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Chanel's couturier suggested to AP that Kardashian was partly to blame for the heist.

"(She is) too public, too public — we have to see in what time we live. You cannot display your wealth then be surprised that some people want to share it," Lagerfeld said after the Chanel show.

"I don't understand why (Kardashian) was in a hotel with no security and things like this. If you are that famous and you put all your jewelry on the net you go to hotels where nobody can come near to the room," he added.

The U.S. singer who arrived in Paris hours after Kardashian was tied up and robbed — and is familiar with the residence it occurred in — says he's defiant in the face of the crime.

"I feel more secure than ever, absolutely (safe)," said the 37-year-old singer, who told the AP he has stayed in the place where the heist occurred.

The No Address Hotel or L'Hotel de Pourtales, is a favourite of A-list celebrities, with past guests reportedly including Leonardo DiCaprio, Prince, Madonna, Jay-Z and Beyonce.



Courtney Love, who sat next to Kardashian at the Givenchy show on the eve of the robbery, spoke of her profound shock. But she said that it wouldn't make her reconsider coming back to the City of Light.

"As a friend of hers, I feel very horrified ... I don't know what went on with security," said Love, who is at fashion week with her daughter, Frances Bean Cobain.

"It was terrible. ... (But) I don't see the underbelly so much. Maybe I should more. It's a bubble for me," Love said.



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REVIEW

New Pacifica far superior to its predecessor



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You might think that minivans are going extinct with the rate at which everyone is jumping on the SUV bandwagon, but minivan sales were booming in the first half of 2016, and the all-new Chrysler Pacifica just hit dealer lots in May. It should be a big second half and possibly the best year since 2008 for minivans.

Some of you may recall the Pacifica name from an early (failed) crossover experiment in Chrysler's past, but this is something entirely different: This is the replacement for the Town & Country minivan, while Dodge's Grand Caravan continues on largely unchanged.

The platform is entirely new, using aluminum, magnesium and high-strength steel in key locations to make a lighter, stiffer frame, and the 3.6L Pentastar V6 is paired with Chrysler's new nine-speed automatic transmission, all of which should contribute to much-improved fuel economy. There is also a boatload of new tech on board, from a back-up camera and touch-screen display on base models to hands-free tailgate and driving assistance systems like lane

departure warning and adaptive cruise control.

However, it's what hasn't changed that makes minivans great for families, and some standout features from Chrysler that make it a great minivan.

The trunk behind the third row alone has a whopping 915 litres with a deep well that means you can easily pack in running strollers, a couple bikes and other bulky items.

Of course, Chrysler minivans' claim to fame is Stow 'n' Go seats that collapse into the floor, which is standard for both rows in the Pacifica. Dropping the third row is as easy as yanking a strap and letting gravity do all the hard work. Getting them back up requires a bit more muscle, but is still plenty easy.

Quality, long a sore spot for FCA minivans is much improved, with convincing leather seats, carpeted cargo area, and soft-touch dash.

Out on the road, the Pacifica's mission is built right into its name, with a smooth ride and silky powertrain that provides a peaceful and quiet cabin in any situation. Its mission is comfort first, second and third, with a suspension that soaks up any road imperfections short of a bomb crater, and a transmission that shifts imperceptibly.

Despite a price tag for top trims that many just won't be able to accept, the Pacifica is a massive leap forward for Chrysler and minivans. It's stylish enough to draw attention from unexpected sources and has enough technology to satisfy today's demanding consumers.

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THE BASICS

Engine: 3.6-litre V6
Power: 287 Horsepower, 36 kg-m torque
Transmission: Nine-speed automatic
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 12.9 city, 8.4 highway, 10.9 combined
Price: Starts at \$41,930



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ENVIRONMENT

Electrics touted, but await their moment

When will electric-powered cars become a practical choice for ordinary people? The question hangs in the air at the Paris auto show, where Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz and General Motors are showing off electric cars they hope are the on-ramp to a profitable future.

The raft of new vehicles lends buzz to electric cars. But earlier over-optimistic predictions have also bred skepticism.

Volkswagen compared its I.D. electric compact to its historic Beetle and mainstay

Golf models and said it was the leading edge of 30 new electric models it plans to put out by 2025.

Daimler AG CEO Dieter Zetsche looked more Silicon Valley than Stuttgart, wearing faded jeans and sneakers to tout the Mercedes-Benz EQ, a battery-powered crossover SUV concept. The vehicle aims to illustrate the company's longer term strategy that connects electric cars with other new technology, such as autonomous driving and vehicle sharing.

Zetsche said the company

aimed for 10 electric vehicles by 2025, making up 15 to 25 per cent of global sales — a bold prediction he immediately tempered by saying that was based on "continued development of infrastructure and customer preferences."

He said "we need to prepare ourselves with all our resources for electric mobility as a mass phenomenon" yet remain flexible if demand is lower — or even higher — than predicted.

General Motors Co.'s European division Opel is showing off the Ampera-e, a rebadged

version of the Chevrolet Bolt.

However, for now, the limited range and higher costs mean battery-powered vehicles have little attraction for regular folks trying to get the most for their money. They remain largely a niche market, often for people enthusiastic about new technology or the environment, and with the extra disposable income to act on that.

The Palo Alto, Calif.-based Tesla has won attention with rising sales of electrics to well-heeled customers — but loses money. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



France's Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy Segolene Royal (C) examines a Twizy 45 Renault electric car during the Paris Motor Show. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

2018 Audi TT RS

After a hiatus of several years, Audi will launch the second-generation TT RS next summer, likely as a 2018 model, for somewhere around the \$75,000 mark. At that price, it has its sights set squarely on such notable sports cars as the Porsche 718 Cayman and BMW M2. To even be considered in that company, Audi pulled out all the stops to create something competitive but distinct. **JONATHAN YARKONY** AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Engine

Although this 2.5-litre five-cylinder has the same displacement and core design as the one in the previous TT RS, it is completely new, starting from an aluminum block that replaces the iron block, and using magnesium, molybdenum and other light-weight metals and construction to save a total of 26 kilograms in the engine.

2 Power

All these tricks combine to deliver 400 horsepower at 5,850 rpm, and an unnaturally flat torque line of 49 kilogram-metres.

3 Steering

The adaptive steering gets quicker as you progress into your turn, and the car tracks well into corners.

4 Seats

The seats were also a perfect fit, and some models featured adjustable torso bolsters so that once you settle in, you can lock yourself into place for spirited driving.



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New Mini goes all wheel drive



The MINI John Cooper Works Clubman can go from zero to 97 km/h in six seconds. HANDOUT



Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

The MINI John Cooper Works Clubman has been introduced with a new all-wheel-drive system.

Sporting a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine, the new MINI John Cooper Works Clubman is the first model from the British automaker to combine John Cooper Works performance enhancements with the new ALL4 all-wheel-drive system. It is head-

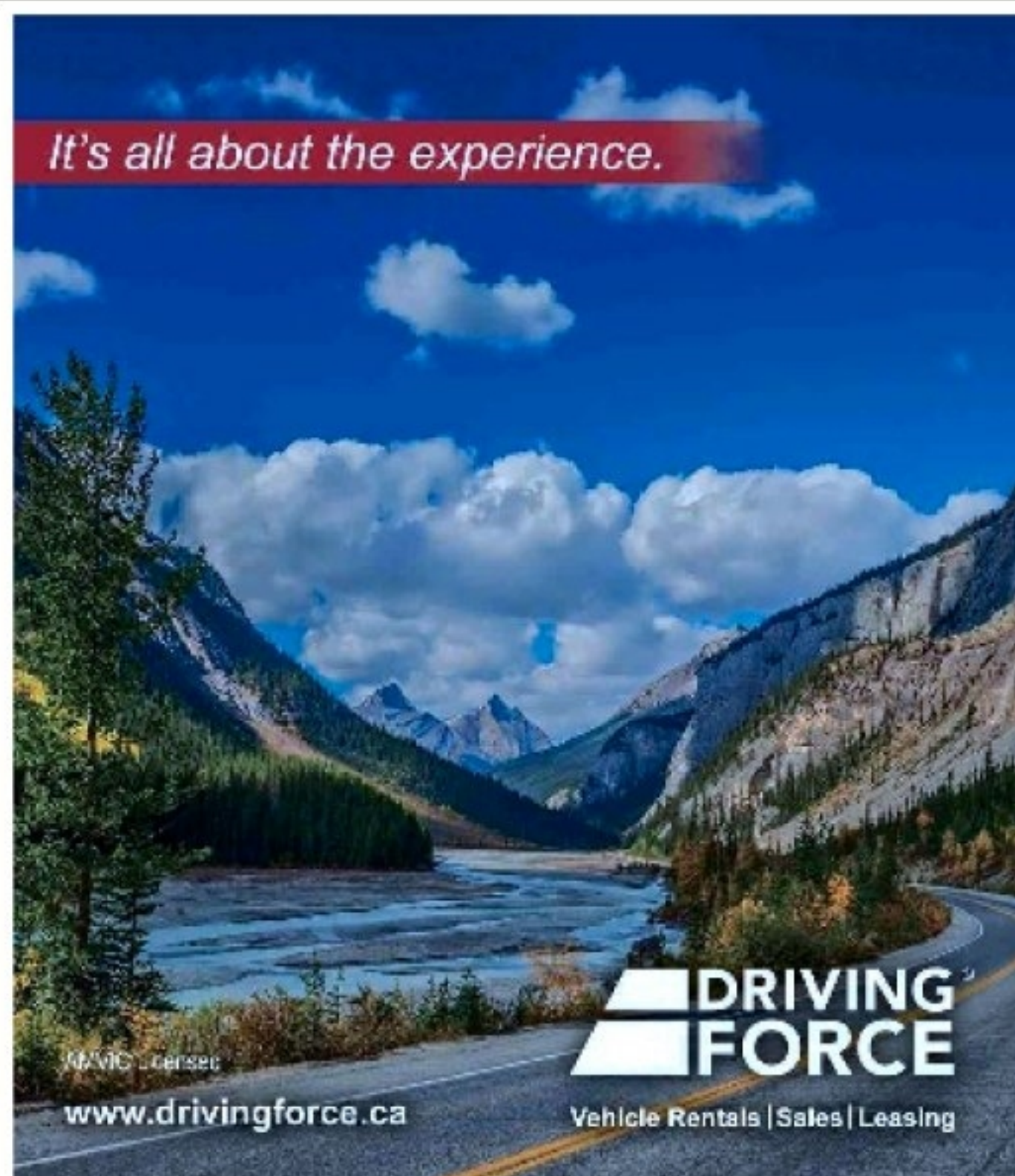
ing to dealerships in the U.S. this December, offering 228 horsepower and 26 kilogram-metres of torque, which is the most torque of any John Cooper Works model. It also comes with a sports exhaust, refined suspension technology and powerful Brembo brakes.

According to the British automaker, the MINI John Cooper Works Clubman is capable of going zero-to-97 kilometres in six seconds with both the standard six-speed manual transmission and the optional eight-speed Steptronic sports

transmission. Compared to the standard Clubman, the John Cooper Works variant sits one centimetre lower to the ground, giving it a lower center of gravity and a sportier stance.

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SPORTS

Silencing the home fans: Before Tuesday's game, the road team was 6-2 in wild-card play-in games

NHL

Little rest for wicked Crosby

Sidney Crosby's mini-vacation after the latest triumph in his remarkable career lasted all of four days.

Sorry, but the process of defending a Stanley Cup waits for no one. So there Crosby was on Tuesday skating in line rushes with the rest of his Pittsburgh Penguins teammates just five days removed from leading Team Canada to the World Cup of Hockey title as the tournament's MVP.

And no, Crosby wasn't about to complain about being tired.



Sidney Crosby
GETTY IMAGES

That's simply not his way. Besides, his electric performance during the World Cup offered plenty of proof he's fresh as the Penguins look to become the

first team since the 1998 Detroit Red Wings to repeat as Cup champions.

"When you're playing a lot of hockey it's more comfortable," Crosby said. "You just have to balance rest and recovery and making sure you're ready to play."

Crosby certainly looked ready while piling up 10 points during Canada's clinical domination of the eight-team tournament that featured the world's best players. He was a unanimous selection as tournament MVP just a few months removed from being named the Conn Smythe Trophy winner after guiding the Penguins to their fourth championship.

The Pens will raise the Cup banner to the rafters at newly renamed PPG Paints Arena during the season opener next Thursday against Washington.

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1998

The last time a team (Detroit) successfully defended its Stanley Cup championship.

Edwin-credible ending

MLB PLAYOFFS

Encarnacion blasts 3-run walk-off homer for Blue Jays

Edwin Encarnacion slammed a three-run homer in the 11th inning to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to a 5-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night in a drama-filled American League wild-card game.

Devon Travis singled with one out off Ubaldo Jimenez, a starter who was Baltimore's seventh pitcher on the night, and moved to third on Josh Donaldson's single. Then Encarnacion went to work, depositing the ball over the left-field fence.

The Jays dugout emptied, sending a jubilant mass of Toronto players onto the field. The capacity crowd chanted "Eddie, Eddie."

Toronto now faces Texas, the top seed in the American League, on Thursday in Arlington to open the five-game AL Division Series.

Both bullpens put on a show, putting up one zero after another. Then, in extra innings, the managers turned to starters with Francisco Liriano and Jimenez.

By then, the sellout crowd of 49,934 was living and dying with every called strike and ball.

Tied 2-2, the Jays sent in closer Roberto Osuna for the ninth. He needed 14 pitches



The Blue Jays' Edwin Encarnacion celebrates his game-winning home run on Tuesday night. MARK BLINCH/ THE CANADIAN PRESS

to end it, striking out Mark Trumbo and Matt Wieters as the decibel level grew.

Toronto had a glorious chance to end it in its half of the ninth.

Donaldson doubled off Brad Brach down the left-field line to open the inning. Encarnacion was intentionally walked, bringing up Jose Bautista who struck out. Darren O'Day need-

ed just one pitch to induce Rus-

sell Martin to hit into the Jays' third double play of the night.

Osuna got one out in the 10th then left quickly with an apparent injury, bringing out Liriano who got the two remaining outs.

Bautista had a solo homer in the second inning for Toronto, which got six strong innings from starter Marcus Stroman

and some great defence from Kevin Pillar, Troy Tulowitzki and Donaldson before a loud, passionate crowd under the stars at the Rogers Centre.

Stroman retired the first nine hitters he faced but stumbled in the fourth when Trumbo, who led the majors with 47 home runs this season, hit a two-run shot to left.

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Cubs poised for longer run

The Chicago Cubs embraced the target and ran away with the best record in baseball.

Now that the playoffs are starting, the final mark is in sight. And if there is a little added pressure to nail it, well, manager Joe Maddon says bring it on.

"Those words pressure and expectations are positive words," he said Tuesday. "You never want to be involved or associated with a situation that doesn't have the certain level of expectations.... I think it's great. Those are the two words that should bring out the best in your performance."

The Cubs are seeking the biggest prize of all after leading the

the next step toward the ultimate prize.

A century-old championship hex could be a burden, but if one thing has defined this team as much as its sheer dominance, that would be its poise.

Nothing seems to rattle this bunch. Not tight games, not a season-ending injury to emerging star Kyle Schwarber, not a 1-9 stretch in June, and not infielder Tommy La Stella leaving the team and contemplating retirement at mid-season.

Whether it's something innate in the players or a product of the atmosphere, this has been one cool bunch.



Manager Joe Maddon led the Cubs to a major-league best 103 wins. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

"I think there's something to be said for the culture in an organization and a clubhouse, the tone set by the manager and coaching staff, the veter-

an players, that allows guys to be themselves even in big moments," president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said.

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NHL PRESEASON OILERS SHOOT DOWN DUCKS Anaheim Ducks goalie John Gibson reacts after letting in an Edmonton Oilers goal by Patrick Maroon, left, at Rogers Place on Tuesday. The Oilers won 2-1. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AMBER BRACKEN

Drake giving his coach a headache

NHL

Rookie's great form forcing McLellan to rethink line up

He's the rookie with the hard-to-pronounce name who has made a name for himself at the Edmonton Oilers training camp.

Centre Drake Caggiula's performance so far in the NHL pre-season — a combustible mix of speed, soft hands, and bulldog backchecking — is forcing head coach Todd McLellan to rethink the makeup of his top two forward lines.

"He has an impact every night. He shoots the puck, he makes plays, looks comfortable on the power play, (and) he's been able to penalty kill," said McLellan after practice Tuesday.

"That's not a bad menu for a rookie coming into training camp for the first time."

McLellan said the key domino effect of Caggiula could be what to do with Leon Draisaitl. The German had been penciled in as the third-line centre, behind Connor McDavid and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins.

Caggiula as a third-line pivot would allow McLellan to move Draisaitl to the wing and beef



Drake Caggiula has entered the Oilers' third-line centre conversation with a strong pre-season thus far. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

up Nugent-Hopkins' second line. But McLellan stressed there's a lot of pre-season left to play: "It's certainly not written in stone."

Caggiula, signed as a free agent in May to a two-year entry level deal, has two goals and 14 shots so far in the pre-season, turning heads with quick acceleration and ability to think the game on the fly.

"I think I've gotten better almost every day here, and that's all you can really ask for," said Caggiula, 22.

"You just want to set a new bar every day and make sure that bar's a little higher than the one before." His surname

is Italian, and is pronounced kuh-JOOL'-uh.

From his minor hockey days, it's been twisted, botched and butchered (usually becoming kuh-GOOL'-ee-uh) not to mention the frequent, gleeful comparisons to the sadistic, depraved tyrant of ancient Rome.

"I know people have been making fun of the whole Caligula thing. I mean it's all in fun. I don't really care too much about it, but I've had a ton of pronunciations growing up," he said.

Caggiula is from Pickering, Ont. "Hockey's been my life from the get-go," he said.

"I remember just being in

“He has an impact every night. He shoots the puck, he makes plays, looks comfortable on the power play, and he's been able to penalty kill.”

Todd McLellan

class as a first grader and the teacher asks what do you want to be when you grow up, and I wrote down 'I want to be a hockey player.'"

He worked with his dad, Sal, who coached and mentored him from age eight to 15. There were on-ice skill drills followed by stickhandling and shooting pucks in the basement.

Skating is the foundation of his game: figure skating when he was young to get his edges, then power skating two or three times a week as he got older.

He played for the University of North Dakota, earning a degree in kinesiology, and in his final year scored 25 goals and 51 points to help lead the Fighting Hawks to a Frozen Four national championship.

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TENNIS

Sharapova doping ban reduced on appeal

Maria Sharapova will be eligible to return to competitive tennis in April after her two-year doping ban was reduced to 15 months on Tuesday by a sports court that found the Russian star bore no "significant fault" for her positive drug test and did not intend to cheat.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport cut nine months off the suspension imposed on Sharapova, who tested positive for the banned heart medication meldonium at the Australian Open in January. Sharapova, a five-time Grand Slam champion and former No. 1-ranked player, appealed to CAS in June seeking to overturn or reduce the two-year penalty imposed by the International Tennis Federation.

In a 28-page ruling, the CAS panel found that Sharapova bore "some degree of fault" but "less



Maria Sharapova
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than significant fault" in the case that has sidelined one of the world's most prominent and wealthy female athletes.

"The panel has determined, under the totality of the circumstances, that a sanction of 15 months is appropriate here given her degree of fault," the three-man arbitration body ruled. While Sharapova did commit a doping violation, "under no circumstances ... can the player be considered to be an 'intentional doper,'" the panel said.

Sharapova's ban, which took effect on Jan. 26, was originally due to run until Jan. 25, 2018. Now she can return on April 26, 2017, a month ahead of the French Open. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



GOLF RYDER CUP HEROES PAY THEIR RESPECTS TO PALMER

Ricky Fowler, from left, Bubba Watson and Phil Mickelson embrace after putting the Ryder Cup on display during a Celebration of Arnold Palmer at Saint Vincent College on Tuesday in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Palmer, a golf legend who won 62 PGA tour titles over the course of his career, died on Sept. 25 at age 87. HUNTER MARTIN/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Argentina's World Cup bid

The only Latin American country that can compete with the top rugby nations, Argentina, has launched a bid to host the Rugby World Cup in 2027.

The office of Argentine president Mauricio Macri issued a statement Monday saying he had announced the bid to World Rugby executives, who were in Buenos Aires for the Pumas' match against New Zealand on Saturday. Argentina lost to the All Blacks, 36-17.

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CFL's top performers for week 15 announced

Edmonton running back John White, pivot Mike Reilly and B.C. linebacker Solomon Elimian are the CFL's top performers for Week 15.

White had two TDs and reached the 100-yard mark in a game for the first time this season in the Eskimos' win over Winnipeg Friday. Reilly completed 32 of 38 passes for 355 yards and a pair of TDs in the game. Elimian recorded 13 tackles in the Lions' win over Ottawa Saturday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RECIPE Roasted Butternut Squash and Pear Soup



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Butternut squash soup gets added sweetness from a pear purée.

Ready in 1 hour 20 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour 10 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 lb. Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut length-wise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear purée
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Spread vegetables on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast 50 to 55 minutes, or until vegetables are fork tender. Let cool for 5 minutes.

2. Place vegetables and 2 cups of the vegetable broth into a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.

3. Pour the purée into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in the last cup of broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear purée and the remaining salt.

4. Allow the soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.

5. Serve with a dollop of Greek style yogurt or sour cream mixed into soup.

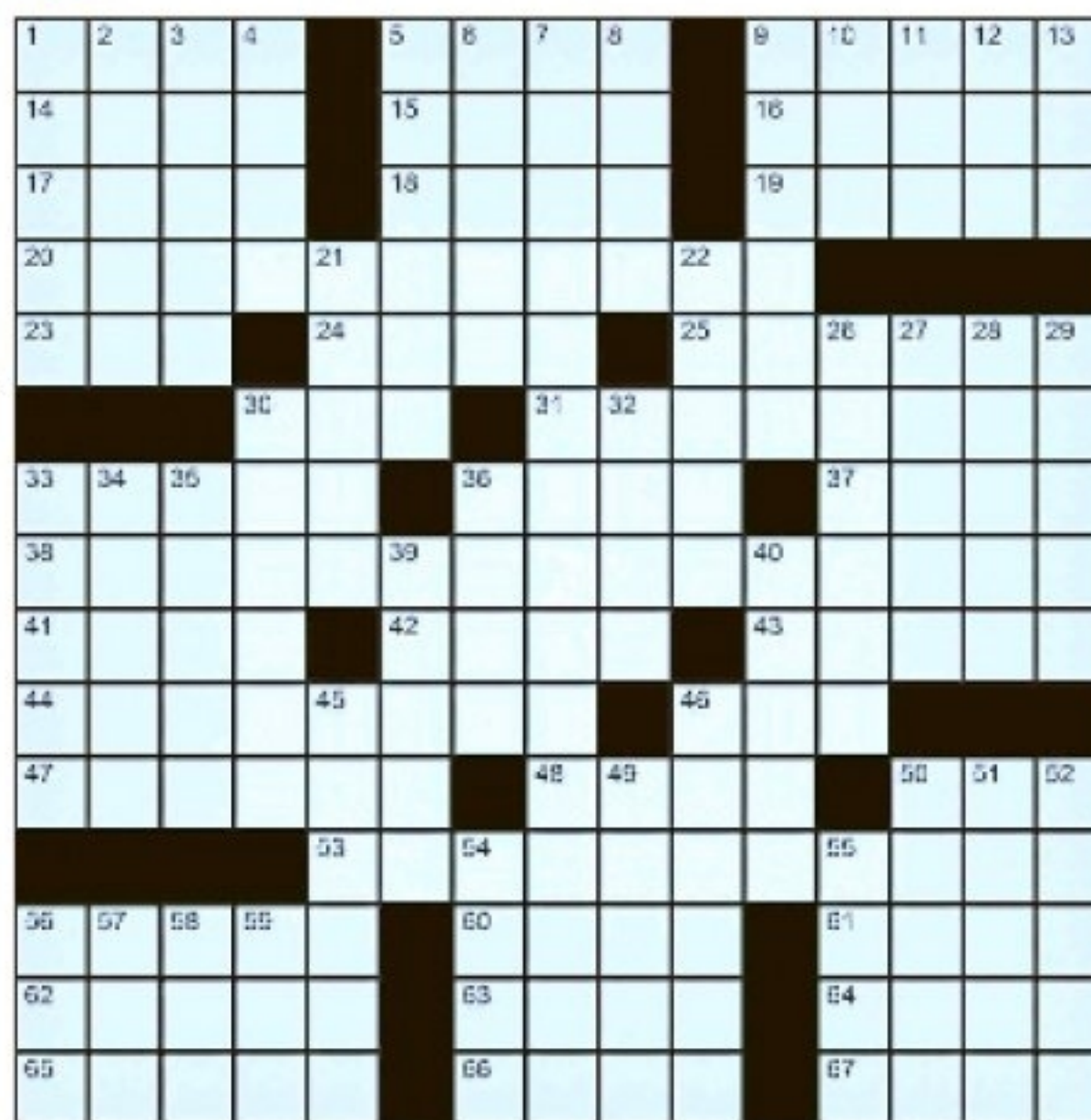
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Pillow cover
5. Medic who's missing the 'OR'?
9. Loans
14. Parrot's waxy beak part
15. Beige
16. Anticipate
17. Portion
18. Belonging to Jay Z's wife, fun-style
19. Kaley's "The Big Bang Theory" character
20. The Prairies = Canada's
23. Be under the weather
24. "It __ Me Babe" by The Turtles
25. __ yogurt
30. Charlemagne's 11th domain
31. Resort city of Mexico
33. Start
36. Smudge
37. Industrial region of Germany
38. Firearm used by French-explorer-to-Canada Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
41. Ancient city of Japan
42. Tortoise's competitor
43. Olde-style rewards
44. Set off
46. "The Dark Knight" (2008) star ...his initials-sharers
47. Tree types
48. Fight
50. Whiz's pal
53. Incredibly interesting
56. "Any Time __"



by The Beatles
60. Prince Michael of __ (Queen Elizabeth's cousin)
62. CCR's "Born on the __"
63. " __ the Woods" (2014) starring Meryl Streep

64. Purplish
65. Folie __ (Foolishness shared by two)
66. Eminem song
67. Cobblestone

DOWN

1. __ diving
2. French artist, __

Toulouse-Lautrec
3. Princess in "The Little Mermaid" (1989)
4. Prefix to 'morphosis'
5. Carrie Fisher's mother
Ms. Reynolds
6. __ liner
7. __ Beach Provincial Park, in Sambro Creek,

Nova Scotia
8. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
9. Modern day typewriter
10. SHE-ep
11. Bert Bobbsey's twin
12. Rumpus
13. Trough locale

21. Sci-Fi villain Vader
22. Provide with weapons
26. Hospital heroines and heroes
27. Outlandish occurrence
28. Hurt
29. Wrongdoings, in law
30. __ Strait (British Columbia body of water)
32. Veggie in a salad or a tea party sandwich, fun-style
33. "Labor __ Vincit" (Oklahoma's state motto)
34. Types of flatbread
35. Remove the furniture paint
36. Ship
39. Capital of Tibet
40. Space shadow
45. Arrival, as crowds of people
46. Uri, for William Tell
49. One of Columbus' ships in 1492
50. Lively old dance of France
51. Pass, as law
52. Type of heron
54. Enjoys the winter resort
55. 1981 Tom Cruise movie
56. Lawyers org. in The States
57. Smidgen
58. "Absolute-ly," at sea
59. Mr. Reed

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are ambitious today! You have big plans to do big things in a big way, and you want big recognition for your efforts.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are excited about big travel plans for the future. Or perhaps your big ideas are about exploring opportunities in higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be confident when it comes to deciding how to share something today, like an inheritance. Be careful you are not so cocky that you give away the farm.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you have a conflict with a close friend or partner today, you might be overbearing. This is because you believe in what you want, and you believe you will get it!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You can accomplish a lot today because you are energetic, enthusiastic and confident. This state of mind is all you need to get great results.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Romance is strong today because your desiring nature is strong. However, you actively will seek out amusement and fun diversions. It's a great day for competitive sports!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are willing to move mountains to achieve what you want at home, especially regarding redecorating projects or renovations. (Librans care about how their home looks.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are so confident in your communications with others today that you will succeed in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You're the poster child for the power of positive thinking.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are willing to work hard to earn money today. You're ready to spend your money, as well! You've got big ideas that you intend to put into action.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Today your energy level is high! This is why you will accomplish a great deal and bring certain projects to a successful conclusion. Go, go, go!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you work alone or behind the scenes today, you will feel happy. You will be proud of your achievements and hopeful for big results down the road.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Your ability to work in conjunction with others today is top-notch. Your enthusiasm and energy will make you the leader of the pack.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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